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In his efforts to placate the liberals, Reagan is even acting contrary to the indisputable will of the voters. For instance, in 1964 they repudiated the Rumford open housing act by a 2 to 1 majority. Yet in the fight on the bill in the legislature in August, Reagan aligned himself with hardened liberals and extreme Leftists to retain the unpopular law. Although verbally condemning it, Reagan supported a move which would have made it "worse than the original Rumford Act itself," according to state Senator John Schmitz, who has pushed for outright repeal. Schmitz's bill to repeal the Rumford Act, at first eschewed by Reagan, was amended in the Senate to the point where it became a weapon which could club real estate agents who have fought the act. At this point, it was supported by the actor.

Another puzzling move by Reagan was his support of an ultra-liberal abortion bill. After proponents of the bill in the legislature had given up hope that it could ever pass, Reagan rescued it by supporting it, and it passed by a close margin.

Although his policies to date have brought no great outcry from Conservatives because anyone hates to admit they've been fooled, perhaps his reported support of the unpopular Thomas Kuchel will be his Waterloo. WO can report that Reagan has quietly instructed his public relations firm to get Kuchel re-nominated and re-elected in 1968, although the majority of the Republican Party is clearly anti-Kuchel.

Shortly after Reagan's election, WO (December 15, 1966) predicted that Conservatives would soon begin to "take a second look" at the movie actor.

Observations

Communist Herbert Aptheker has been given back his passport after making an illegal trip to North Vietnam. The State Department announced this with no further comment on October 2. . . . LBJ was unable to get support for his Panama treaties from the AFL-CIO because there was no provision in them to protect the rights of 6,000 craft union workers employed in the Canal Zone. They enjoy protection now under U.S. labor laws; would lose them if Panama were to take over . . . The Congressional Hotel, across the street from the Congressional Office Building, has had its cashier's cage robbed 100 times since Earl Warren's desegregation decision in 1954. . . . The hotel, located on the edge of the Negro section, is practically deserted over the weekends and on holidays; has been forced to close its restaurant except when Congress is in session. Misery loves company.

Since 1956, when many railroads still used coal locomotives, the mortality rate from lung cancer among engineers has risen 900%. Diesel fumes are considered at fault. . . . Despite the fact that the Soviet

CIA-RDP75-00149R000300040038-7 covets the big American naval base at Guantanamo to house its giant, nuclear-armed snorkel-type subs. The Reds are anxious to eliminate U.S. naval supremacy for good in the Caribbean. . . . The Watts area in Los Angeles is still an economic wasteland. Its business street was once the busiest in LA; now it is practically deserted, and still a burned-out hulk, two years after the famous riot. Negroes are moving out of Watts rapidly and pushing into formerly all-White areas of Inglewood and other adjoining towns. . . . The Armed Forces Qualification tests showed, before lowering the mental standard, that the failure for Negro draftees was 67% compared with 18.8% for White draftees.

Crystal Ball



Some superficial observers thought that the Kremlin suffered as a result of the recent, short Mideast war. It is clear to see now that the United States has suffered and the Soviet Union has gained. The U.S. has lost all influence in the Mideast except through some oil companies which still maintain a footing there; but the Reds now have the Arabs eating out of their hand. The Crystal Ball sees the Mediterranean colored communist red on the maps; watch for the next step: The Soviets will soon establish a naval base in Algeria at Mers-el-Kabir, once known as "the French Gibraltar." It is considered atomic-bomb proof. Odds are that the U. S. Sixth Fleet will withdraw from the whole area.

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WO, which reported the contents of LBJ's Panama Canal treaties over a year before anyone else, now predicts that the treaties will be put on ice for the balance of this year. Main reason is that Administration timing became out of joint once the treaty was exposed and groups like the potent Liberty Lobby began hitting at it. After the exertion of pressuring the Senate to ratify the Consular Treaty with the great majority of voters opposed to it, the Administration just did not have the internal fortitude to do it again.

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New Orleans' district attorney Jim Garrison is going to produce in court soon authenticated CIA documents to prove that Lee Oswald was on the payroll of the CIA shortly before the Kennedy assassination, according to a high security source.

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